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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Rik Sagar  
Serial No.: : 09/966,613  
Filed : 09-27-2001  
Art Unit : 3639  
Examiner : JABR, FADEY S  
Att. Docket : US018141  
Confirmation No. : 4776

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned attorney, authorized to act on behalf of the assignee, hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) to proceed with a Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.131. A diligent effort has been made to reach the inventor, who refuses to sign the Declaration, as supported by the following facts:

1. The undersigned attorney prepared the Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.131 and other documentation and had them mailed via certified mail with a return receipt to the inventor's last known address on June 21, 2006.
2. According to the return receipt, the documents were delivered and signed for by, what appears to be, the intended recipient, Mr. Rik Sagar, who is the inventor in the above-referenced application.
3. On July 21, the undersigned requested his assistant, Noemi Chapa, to contact Mr. Sagar by telephone. See the accompanying memo from Noemi Chapa, dated July 12, 2006. The inventor has never returned the phone call or the Declaration.


4. Mr. Sagar is no longer employed by Koninklijke Philips Electronics, N.V., and all attempts to contact him have failed.

The above statements of facts are made by the undersigned having first-hand knowledge of the facts recited therein.

Based on the above facts, it is believed that the non-signing inventor's conduct constitutes a refusal. The undersigned hereby requests that this Petition be granted and the Declaration accepted in order to preserve the rights of the assignee.

Please charge any fees associated with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

July 20, 2006

By   
Larry Liberchuk, Reg. No. 40,352  
Senior IP Counsel  
Philips Electronics N.A. Corporation  
914-333-9602

Encl.:

Appendix A: Copy of Certified Mail/Return Receipt  
Appendix B: Copy of letter of June 21, 2006  
Appendix C: Memo of July 12, 2006 with Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131  
Appendix D: Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)

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**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT**

June 21, 2006

Rik Sagar  
60 Alviso Street  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

**Re: US Application Docket No. US018141**

Dear Rik:

Enclosed please find the Declaration for filing in the US Patent Office for the above referenced application. Please review the Declaration and if you have any questions please contact me at the contact information provided above.

Please sign the Declaration and return it to me at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards,

Larry Liberchuk  
Senior IP Counsel



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Memo



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**Re: Application US018141, Serial No: 09/966,613**

**Date: July 12, 2006**

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On June 21, 2006 I sent Mr. Rik Sagar the Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131 for his signature via Certified Mail/Return receipt.

On 7/12/2006 I received the Return Receipt signed by DJ Sager. I called Mr. Sagar at home and his wife told me that they had received the documents but that Mr. Sagar had stepped out. I asked her to please leave him a message to call Larry Liberchuk at Philips.

Noemi Chapa  
Noemi Chapa

7/12/06  
Date



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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The present Declaration is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 to establish a date of invention of the subject matter of claims 1-25 as now pending before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The present Declaration is further being submitted to establish a date of invention of the subject matter set forth in the specification and drawings as originally filed before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 27, 2001.

Prior invention of the 09/966,613 patent application is at least as of April 30, 1999, because the undersigned inventor conceived of the present subject matter at least as of that date. A copy of the evidence supporting at least the above date is enclosed herewith: the inventor submitted written invention disclosure materials to the patent department of Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. with the intention of filing for patent protection. This disclosure was followed by a due diligence leading to a subsequent filing of the application. It is believed that the application was prepared and filed on September 27, 2001 due to the backlog in the patent department of Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full Name of Inventor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rik Sagar

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V.Application No./Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed/Issue Date: ConcurrentlyEntitled: Automated Reservation System With Transfer Of User-Preferences From Home To Guest AccommodationsKoninklijke Philips Electronics N.V., a corporation

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

JULY 20, 2006

Date

(914) 333-9602

Telephone number

LARRY LIBERCHUK, REG. 40,352

Typed or printed name

Signature

Sr. Intellectual Property Counsel

Title

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 3.73(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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